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10 July 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

OLC #78-357/24

SUBJECT: General Accounting Office Meeting

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1. On 6 July 1978, [ ] OLC, and the undersigned met with Messrs. Dan Stanton and John Tipton of the General Accounting Office (GAO) at their offices in GAO Headquarters. The purpose of the meeting was to permit Messrs. Stanton and Tipton to prepare for the GAO testimony which is now scheduled for 19 July 1978 in open session. Mr. Victor Lowe, who is the soon-to-be-reassigned Chief of the General Government Division, will read the initial GAO statement into the record which will reflect the information already contained in their report.

2. Mr. Stanton expects that the questioning will go to the GAO's production of the complete report rather than any substance. The schedule as it is understood by them after conversations with the Immigration, Citizenship and International Law Subcommittee is that the twentieth of July will be for rebuttal testimony for individuals who want to record their views on the alleged inadequacy of the GAO report, and the twenty-first of July is tentatively scheduled for executive session testimony by both the FBI and the CIA. Thus far, there has been no formal request for testimony received by OLC.

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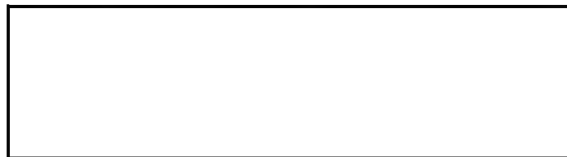
3. To assist Messrs. Stanton and Tipton in their review of the material, they were given an opportunity to rereview the summaries of the 111 alleged Nazi war criminals prepared, and their file of notes was hand-delivered and left with them for return subsequently. Before the meeting, Mr. Tipton had requested a memorandum dated 5 February 1962 which was forwarded to the FBI and the Immigration and Naturalization Service (Subject: [ ]). The material was reviewed cursorily by Mr. Tipton who asks for an opportunity to review it further next week when he plans to visit CIA to permit us to review the GAO opening statement.

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4. We worked through a list of questions which the Subcommittee left with the GAO concerning points that the Subcommittee wanted covered regarding CIA's connection with the war criminals cases. A copy of these questions is attached for the information of addressees.

5. We can take no further action to prepare the DDCI or whomever is elected to testify until a formal request is received. For the record, the DDO will be unavailable through 18 July 1978 and the ADDO will be unavailable from 20 July to 7 August 1978.



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POINTS TO BE COVERED AT GAO MEETING

I. CIA Connection

What was the extent of CIA involvement in Nazi war criminal cases?

Are there any indications that INS has information contained in CIA files on cases they are investigating?

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Did INS check CIA files when opening an investigation on allegations on Nazi war criminals? Did CIA provide INS with all information available in their files?

Is there any agreement between INS and CIA whereby CIA would inform INS on any evidence they would uncover regarding an alleged Nazi war criminal in the U.S.?

From your examination of CIA files on Nazi war criminals, were there any indications that CIA disregarded Nazi war criminal backgrounds and used these persons in spite of this background information?

? Have you come across any information that indicates CIA is behind the Captive-countries organization to which some of these accused Nazi war criminals belong?

II. Conspiracy or Apathy

Have you been able to come to a conclusion whether there was a deliberate concentrated attempt in INS to halt or prevent investigations of Nazis?

Is it true that there was an emphasis given seeking out Communists and regarding Nazis as anti-Communists, therefore acceptable?

III. INS Use of Available Data

How extensively has INS reviewed and/or used information available in West Germany, especially the Berlin Document Center, Ludwigsburg, and Weisenthal's office?

From your visit overseas, did you get any impression that INS offices in Europe were devoting any time and effort to furthering investigations on Nazi war criminals?

~~IV. Scope of GAO investigation~~

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